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MULTI ACCESS RURAL RADIO SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Multi Access Rural Radio (MARR) system was chosen to provide rural telecom network;

(b) if so, whether an outlay of more than Rs. 980 crores was set apart for implementing MARR system;

(c) whether MARR equipments/accessories worth Rs. 22 crores are lying surplus and unusable in stores;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of villages targeted to be linked under this system and the number of villages provided with this facility so far Sate-wise;

(f) whether the Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) of India has severely commented upon the selection of MARR system as it was found technically deficient; and

(g) if so, the other options are being tried out in place of MARR?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (g): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.